IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please correct paragraph 2 on page 1 of the specification as follows:

Conventional technology for improving fuel economy in a spark-ignition engine by performing combustion with the air-fuel ratio of the air-fuel mixture in each cylinder set to a lean air-fuel ratio which is larger thin the stoichiometric air-fuel ratio is well known. . It is also known that by providing a fuel injector for injecting fuel directly into a combustion chamber and performing stratified charge combustion by injecting fuel from the fuel injector in the compression stroke when the engine is being operated in a low-speed low-load range or the like, ultra lean combustion . can be realized (see Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication ~~H10-29836~~ H10-274085 for example).